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Suffering From Throat Ailment!

Former Gov. McNutt Dies At Age Of 63

**Was I. U. Law Dean And
Bloomington Industrialist**

From Wire Dispatches

New York — Paul V. McNutt, 63, a former Indiana governor who became a diplomat and once narrowly missed a Democratic presidential nomination, died today in his apartment far from the Hoosier state where he rose to political power.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early this afternoon. In all probability the funeral will be held somewhere in Indiana, associates said.

McNutt, a handsome white-haired man who headed Indiana government in the depths of the depression of the early 1930s, was the third former Hoosier chief executive to die in a little more than four months.

McNutt was hospitalized with a throat ailment here last year and was brought to New York last month from the Philippines where he suddenly became ill while on a round-the-world tour.

Dies In Apartment.

McNutt died at his Fifth Avenue apartment where he had been since his hurried return from Manila. The silver-haired politician and diplomat, who had been engaged in law practice here since shortly after World War II, appeared haggard with illness on his arrival.

McNutt had not been active in public affairs in recent years but maintained his interest in Democratic Party affairs.

His business interests were mainly in the insurance field and he was counsel to several international insurance agencies.

Commanded Legion.

McNutt first came into national prominence in 1928 when chosen commander of the American Legion. From that springboard he went into politics, became governor of Indiana and a presidential aspirant.

His White House ambition, which he harbored from early boyhood, glowed the brightest prior to the 1940 Democratic National Convention. McNutt toured the nation then, expounding his theories of government. But his candidacy was conditional on Franklin D. Roosevelt's not seeking a third term.

When Roosevelt decided to run again, McNutt dropped out of the picture and his presidential chances faded away. He himself had urged the President's renomination because of what he termed his "pre-eminent ability" to deal with the critical European situation.

Headed F.S.A.

During World War II McNutt served as federal security administrator, director of defense, health and welfare services and chairman of the War Manpower Commission. His services won him a medal of merit from President Harry S. Truman.

McNutt, who had been high commissioner to the Philippines in 1937-39 and again in 1945-46, was appointed first American ambassador after the islands gained their independence. It was he who hauled down the American flag at the independence ceremony in 1946. He held the ambassadorship for about a year, resigning in the spring of 1947.

He then entered private law practice in New York City and Washington. Insurance was his major law interest. While no longer active in politics, he maintained a keen interest in the Democratic Party.

Attended Rallies

McNutt was exposed to politics early in life. At the age of 9 he started accompanying his father to Democratic rallies. His father later became clerk of the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts at Indianapolis and Paul played in the corridor of the state capitol where he was to sit as governor later.

When McNutt was elected governor of Indiana in 1932, it marked the first time a Democrat had been chosen in 16 years.

His concentration of power in the governor's office caused him to be criticized by some as a "dictator" and an "Indiana Hitler." He also was criticized by some labor leaders for invoking martial law during labor disputes. But he said he had no apology for what he termed upholding law and order.

Erased Deficit.

McNutt claimed that during his four-year administration a seven million dollar deficit was erased and replaced by a 10-million-dollar surplus.

A month after his term ended in 1937, President Roosevelt appointed him high commissioner to the Philippines. He was identified closely with the islands for most of the next decade.

McNutt was a striking man in appearance. Six feet two inches tall, he weighed around 200 pounds, had finely chiseled features and was always immaculately attired.

His wavy hair turned prematurely to a platinum color when he was in his late 20s — a family trait, he explained. During his earlier years he was described as "The Adonis of American politics."

He is survived by his wife, the former Kathleen Timolat, and a daughter, Louise.



PAUL V. McNUTT (above) I.U. alumnus, returned to campus in June, 1953, as president of class of 1913, which held 40th reunion, and received McMurtrie cup for class having most members in attendance.

A Glorious Career!

I.U. Flag Half-Staff Mourning McNutt

The Flag was half-staffed at Indiana University today in mourning for Paul V. McNutt, former dean of the Law School whose meteoric career carried him just short of the presidency of the United States.

The Hoosier statesman died this morning in New York of an illness which struck him a few days ago while he was on a visit in the Orient. He was 63.

Well known in Bloomington where he had many friends and held business interests, McNutt was last here in June, 1953 when he returned for the 40th reunion of his I.U. class. As president of his college class, he stepped forward at that time to receive the McMurtrie Cup, awarded each year by the Alumni Association to the class with the most members present for reunion.

Operated Company Here

He operated the Cantol Wax Co., here and owned the building housing the firm on North Wash-

sports correspondent for United Press and as president of the Legal Aid Society. He returned to Martinsville to hang out his shingle as partner with his father and ran unsuccessfully for the office of prosecutor. In 1917 he was invited to return to I.U. as substitute for a law professor who was ill.

When the U.S. entered World War I, he entered Army officers' training at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. His first assignment was at San Antonio, Texas where he met Kathleen Timolat, the beautiful daughter of an American whose floor wax manufacturing business had been driven from Mexico by Villa.

Was Lieutenant Colonel.